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PATENT APPLICATION  
09/781,522

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Chris O'Rourke et al.  
Serial No.: 09/781,522  
Filed: February 8, 2001  
Group No.: 2141  
Examiner: Kristie D. Shingles  
Notice of Allowance Mailed: March 14, 2006  
Confirmation No.: 2665  
Title: METHOD ALLOCATION SCHEME FOR MAINTAINING  
SERVER LOAD BALANCERS SERVICES IN A HIGH  
THROUGHPUT ENVIRONMENT

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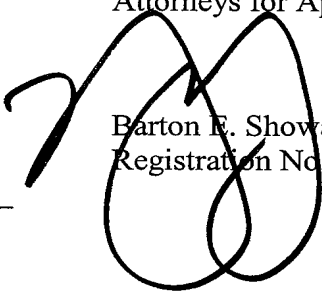
Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 1-20. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.104, Applicants respectfully issue a statement commenting on the Examiner's reasons for allowance. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that they are inconsistent with applicable case law, statutes, and regulations. Furthermore, Applicants do not admit to any characterization or limitation of the claims or to any characterization of a reference by the Examiner, particularly any that are inconsistent with the language of the claims considered in their entirety and including all of their constituent limitations.

Respectfully submitted,  
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